

- Potential Methods for Detecting Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (NAPL) in the Subsurface:
  - 1) Borings and Groundwater Monitoring Wells
  - 2) Laser Induced Fluorescence Tools
  - 3) Membrane Interface Probe Dye Impregnated Liners
  - 4) Soil Gas Survey
  - 5) Geophysical Methods
    - a) Resistivity
    - b) Seismic
    - c) Spontaneous Potential
    - d) Gravity & Magnetic
    - e) Induced Polarization
    - f) Ground Penetrating Radar
    - g) Magnetic Resonance
    - h) Electromagnetic



#### 1. Borings and Groundwater Monitoring Wells

- Effective at confirming the presence of NAPL when locations are known or plume is widespread
- Allows determination of other subsurface properties for modeling and remediation
- No practical depth limitation
- May allow sampling of NAPL for laboratory analysis.
- However
  - Only detects NAPL in borehole can be very "hit or miss" in heterogeneous and in fractured rock formations such as Red Hill
  - Can be very expensive to complete an investigation
  - Requires relatively level and stable drilling platform
  - Can create preferential pathways for vertical migration to the groundwater
- Conclusion: Not recommended for implementation; evaluation of method to be included in Work Plan/SOW



### 2. Laser Induced Fluorescence Tools (e.g., UVOST)

- Effective at directly detecting petroleum NAPL in the sidewalls of a borehole
- However
  - Requires direct push rig to advance the tool
  - Ineffective in bedrock formations
  - Does not detect dissolved phase contamination
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### 3. Membrane Interface Probe (MIP)

- Effective at delineating dissolved-phase petroleum contamination
- The presence/absence of NAPL can be inferred based on the MIP data
- MIP is most effective in detecting organic chemicals with relatively low boiling points (i.e., less than 100°C)
- However
  - Requires direct-push drill rig to advance the MIP
  - Ineffective in bedrock formations
  - Detector or probe can become damaged if driven through NAPL
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  - The identified COPCs appear to have a boiling point over 100°C
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### 4. Dye Impregnated Liner (FLUTe)

- Effective at detecting NAPL presence and depth in the sidewalls of a borehole
- Can be used in bedrock
- However
  - Liner requires small diameter borehole
  - Potentially expensive as numerous boreholes would likely need to be drilled if using for delineation purposes
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### 5. Soil Gas Survey (Passive)

- Effective at detecting lighter fuels such as gasoline
- Minimally invasive (typically installed 5-10 feet bgs)
- Can theoretically be used in all geologic formations
- However
  - Less effective for middle distillates and heavier fuels such as those stored at Red Hill
  - Effectiveness decreases with depth of NAPL
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#### 6. Geophysical Surveys

#### a) Resistivity

- Electrical resistivity tomography measures resistivity of formations, sensitive to pore fluids such as NAPL
- Can be collected as 3-D data and through time to document changes
- Minimally invasive to install electrodes
- Depth of investigation is adjustable
- Useful for leak detection, plume mapping, and hydraulic characterization
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#### b) Seismic

- Measures acoustic velocity and includes reflection and refraction methods
- Most commonly used for mapping bedrock, including faults/fractures at various depths
- Can detect groundwater surface, perched groundwater, and voids
- Not generally used for environmental investigations
- Effectiveness at detecting NAPL not well-documented
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#### c) Spontaneous Potential (SP)

- Measures the natural voltage difference between two points
- Can identify where water is flowing in the subsurface
- Used primarily for investigating the integrity of earthen dams/dikes
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### d) Gravity & Magnetic

- Measures changes in either the gravity field or magnetic field (natural or induced)
- Can be quickly and easily performed over large areas
- Used in the exploration of large ore bodies and sometimes petroleum exploration, usually to identify smaller areas of interest
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#### e) Induced Polarization (IP)

- Secondary resistivity method that measures the charge storage capacity of materials
- Can use same equipment as resistivity survey
- Used to investigate landfills and petroleum NAPLs, and map lithologies
- Can be combined with electrical resistivity tomography
- Further research required to determine whether this is likely to be effective at Red Hill
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### f) Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)

- High resolution acoustic method uses frequencies from 10-1000 MHz
- Shallow depth of investigation (< 20 feet)
- Used to image shallow structures such as tanks, utilities, and voids
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### g) Magnetic Resonance

- Direct detection of groundwater
- Used to estimate depth to groundwater, permeability, and water content
- Sensitive to interference from power lines
- Poorly suited for volcanic rock terrains
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### h) Electromagnetic (EM)

- Multiple EM methods are available
- Used to map landfills and other conductive soil and groundwater contamination, characterize subsurface hydrogeology, map conductive faults/fracture planes, and map geologic structures
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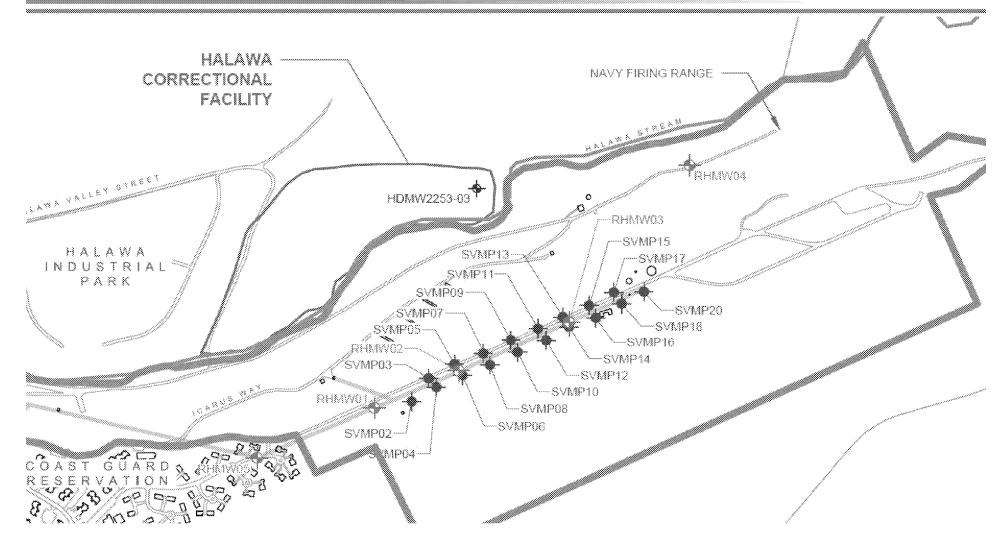
## Task #2: Soil Vapor Considerations



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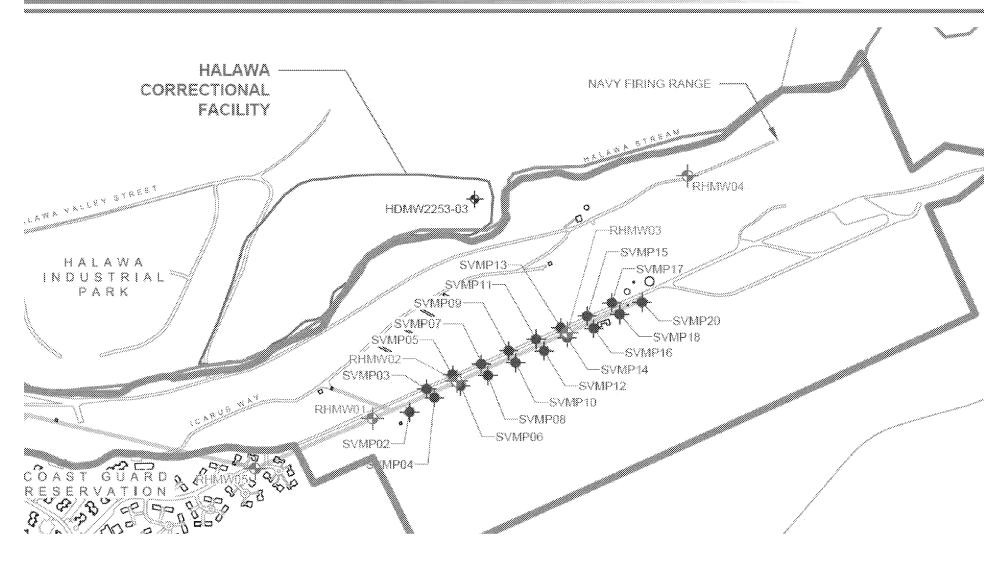
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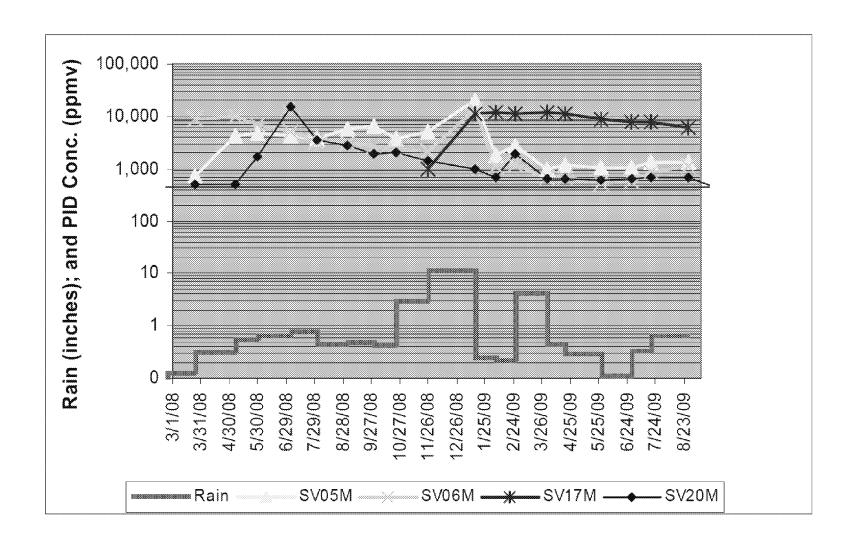


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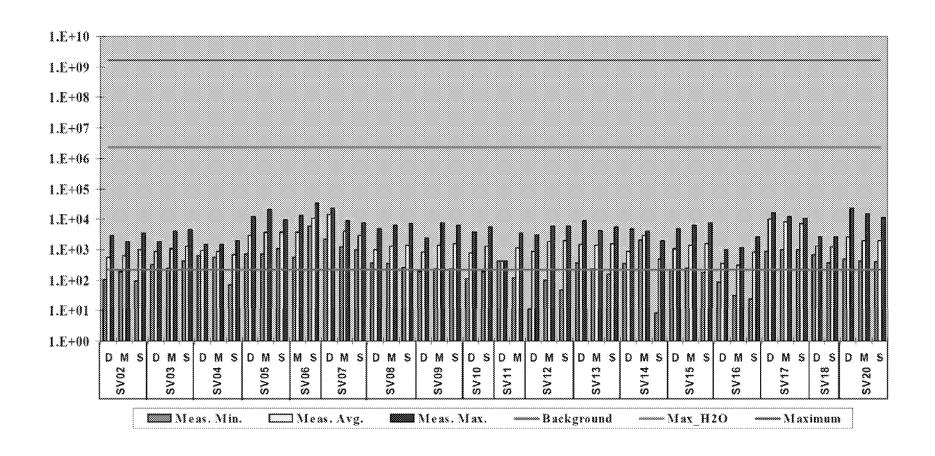




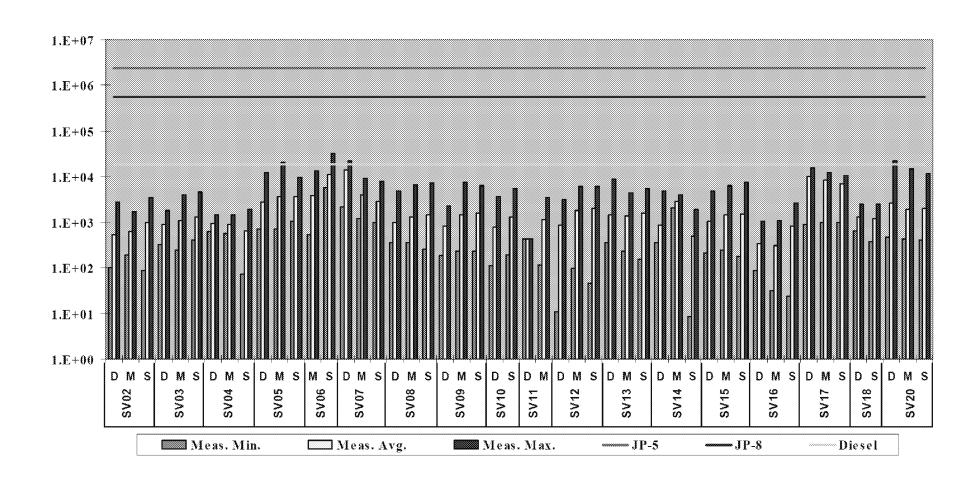














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- Update Evaluation of Soil Vapor Concentration Trends
  - a) Determine if sampling frequency is still sufficient for detecting a release
    - Re-evaluating the feasibility of improving the soil vapor monitoring program
  - b) Confirm whether the benchmark PID concentrations recommended in the 2010 report are still sufficient as field screening levels to use for release detection



